State of Arizona House of Representatives Forty-fifth Legislature Second Special Session 2001

CHAPTER 9

HOUSE BILL 2010

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 3.1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTIONS 15-756 AND 15-756.01; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-901 AND 15-943, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE 3, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-943.04; AMENDING SECTION 15-1626, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; MAKING APPROPRIATIONS; RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Title 15, chapter 7, article 3.1, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding sections 15-756 and 15-756.01, to read:

15-756. <u>Programs for English learners: requirements: federal funding</u>

A. THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION SHALL PRESCRIBE THE MANNER IN WHICH:

- 1. THE PRIMARY OR HOME LANGUAGE FOR ALL NEW PUPILS WHO ENROLL IN A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL BE IDENTIFIED.
- 2. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF ALL PUPILS WITH A PRIMARY OR HOME LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH SHALL BE ASSESSED THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY EXAMS.
- 3. THE PROCESS OF REASSESSMENT OF ENGLISH LEARNERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY SHALL BE CONDUCTED.
 - 4. THE EVALUATION OF FORMER ENGLISH LEARNERS SHALL BE CONDUCTED.
- 5. TRAINING MAY BE ALLOWED THAT IS NOT PROVIDED BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY TO SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY OF THE COURSES REQUIRED FOR A STRUCTURED ENGLISH IMMERSION ENDORSEMENT OR A BILINGUAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS APPLY:
- (a) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS REVIEWED THE CURRICULUM, TEXTBOOKS, GRADING PROCEDURES AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES AND DETERMINED THAT THE TRAINING IS COMPARABLE IN AMOUNT, SCOPE AND QUALITY TO A COURSE OFFERED BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR A STRUCTURED ENGLISH IMMERSION OR BILINGUAL EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT.
- (b) THE TRAINING MEETS THE PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARDS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
- (c) THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS REVIEWED THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE INSTRUCTOR AND DETERMINED THAT THE INSTRUCTOR HAS SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE TO EFFECTIVELY CONDUCT THE TRAINING.
- B. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR THE MONITORING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ENSURING COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS REGARDING ENGLISH LEARNERS, INCLUDING REQUIRING EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL TO ANNUALLY SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IDENTIFIED BY GRADE LEVEL AND BY SCHOOL:
- 1. THE NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO ARE CLASSIFIED AS ENGLISH LEARNERS FOR THE FIRST TIME.
- 2. THE NUMBER OF ENGLISH LEARNERS WHO ACHIEVED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY IN THE PAST ACADEMIC YEAR AND WHO EXITED THE ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM.
 - 3. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PUPILS CLASSIFIED AS ENGLISH LEARNERS.
- 4. THE NUMBER OF PUPILS WHO ARE ENROLLED IN EACH TYPE OF LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRAM OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL.
- 5. IF REQUESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE TEST DATA USED TO DETERMINE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY.
- C. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION SHALL ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDING THAT IS AVAILABLE FOR BILINGUAL

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND STRUCTURED ENGLISH IMMERSION PROGRAMS AND ANY OTHER FUNDING FROM FEDERAL PROGRAMS THAT APPLY TO THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF ENGLISH LEARNERS.

- D. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT INCLUDES AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ALL FEDERAL MONIES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR LANGUAGE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THESE FEDERAL MONIES ARE DESIGNATED. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS.
- E. NOTHING IN SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 5 OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL FROM DEVELOPING OR PARTICIPATING IN A TRAINING PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT MEET THE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 5.

15-756.01. Contracts with private vendors

SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE VENDORS THAT PROVIDE LITERACY SERVICES THAT ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE PARTICIPATING PUPILS WHO BEGIN RECEIVING THE SERVICES IN KINDERGARTEN SUCCESSFUL AT READING, WRITING AND SPEAKING ENGLISH AT THE THIRD GRADE LEVEL BY THE END OF THE THIRD GRADE.

- Sec. 2. Section 15-901, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-901. <u>Definitions</u>
- A. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Average daily attendance" or "ADA" means actual average daily attendance through the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable.
- 2. "Average daily membership" means the total enrollment of fractional students and full-time students, minus withdrawals, of each school day through the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, for the current year. Withdrawals include students formally withdrawn from schools and students absent for ten consecutive school days, except for excused absences as identified by the department of education. For computation purposes, the effective date of withdrawal shall be retroactive to the last day of actual attendance of the student.
 - (a) "Fractional student" means:
- (i) For common schools, until fiscal year 2001-2002, a preschool child who is enrolled in a program for preschool children with disabilities of at least three hundred sixty minutes each week or a kindergarten student at least five years of age prior to January 1 of the school year and enrolled in a school kindergarten program that meets at least three hundred forty-six instructional hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred forty-eight hours. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the kindergarten program

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- (ii) For high schools, a part-time student who is enrolled in less than four subjects that count toward graduation as defined by the state board of education in a recognized high school and who is taught in less than twenty instructional hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days. A part-time high school student shall be counted as one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time student if the student is enrolled in an instructional program that is at least one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time instructional program as defined in subdivision (c) of this paragraph.
 - (b) "Full-time student" means:
- (i) For common schools, a student who is at least six years of age prior to January 1 of a school year, who has not graduated from the highest grade taught in the school district and who is regularly enrolled in a course of study required by the state board of education. Until fiscal year 2001–2002, first, second and third grade students, ungraded students at least six, but under nine, years of age by September 1 or ungraded group B children with disabilities who are at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least six hundred ninety-two hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least six hundred ninety-six hours. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the program shall meet at least seven hundred In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least seven hundred four hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the program shall meet at least seven hundred eight hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least seven hundred twelve hours. Until fiscal year 2001-2002, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students or ungraded students at least nine, but under twelve, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a

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total of at least eight hundred sixty-five hours during the minimum number of school days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least eight hundred seventy In fiscal year 2002-2003, the program shall meet at least eight hundred seventy-five hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty-five hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least eight hundred ninety hours. Until fiscal year 2001-2002, seventh and eighth grade students or ungraded students at least twelve, but under fourteen, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least one thousand thirty-eight hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section In fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least one thousand forty-four hours. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the program shall meet at least one thousand fifty hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least one thousand fifty-six hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the program shall meet at least one thousand sixty-two hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least one thousand sixty-eight hours. Lunch periods and recess periods may not be included as part of the instructional hours unless the student is a child with a disability and the child's individualized education program requires instruction during those periods and the specific reasons for such instruction are fully documented.

- (ii) For high schools, a student not graduated from the highest grade taught in the school district, or an ungraded student at least fourteen years of age by September 1, and enrolled in at least a full-time instructional program of subjects that count toward graduation as defined by the state board of education in a recognized high school. A full-time student shall not be counted more than once for computation of average daily membership.
- (iii) For homebound or hospitalized, a student receiving at least four hours of instruction per week.
- (c) "Full-time instructional program" means at least four subjects, each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, through fiscal year 2000-2001, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totalling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days. For fiscal years after 2000-2001:
- (i) In fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, each subject shall meet at least one hundred twenty-two hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004 and each fiscal year thereafter, each subject shall meet at least one hundred twenty-three hours.
- (ii) For grades nine, ten and eleven, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty hours in fiscal year 2001-2002. In fiscal year

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2002-2003, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty-five hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred ninety hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred ninety-five hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the total program shall meet at least nine hundred hours.

- 3. "Budget year" means the fiscal year for which the school district is budgeting and which immediately follows the current year.
- 4. "Common school district" means a political subdivision of this state offering instruction to students in programs for preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten programs and grades one through eight.
- 5. "Current year" means the fiscal year in which a school district is operating.
 - 6. "Daily attendance" means:
 - (a) For common schools, days in which a pupil:
- (i) Of a kindergarten program or ungraded, but not group B children with disabilities, and at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 attends at least three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day. If the total instruction time scheduled for the year is at least three hundred forty-six hours but is less than six hundred ninety-two hours such attendance shall be counted as one-half day of attendance. If the instructional time scheduled for the year is at least six hundred ninety-two hours, "daily attendance" means days in which a pupil attends at least one-half of the instructional time scheduled for the day. Such attendance shall be counted as one-half day of attendance.
- (ii) Of the first, second or third grades, ungraded and at least six, but under nine, years of age by September 1 or ungraded group B children with disabilities and at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day.
- (iii) Of the fourth, fifth or sixth grades or ungraded and at least nine, but under twelve, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day, except as provided in section 15-797.
- (iv) Of the seventh or eighth grades or ungraded and at least twelve, but under fourteen, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day, except as provided in section 15-797.
- (b) For common schools, the attendance of a pupil at three-quarters or less of the instructional time scheduled for the day shall be counted as follows, except as provided in section 15-797 and except that attendance for a fractional student shall not exceed the pupil's fractional membership:
- (i) If attendance for all pupils in the school is based on quarter days, the attendance of a pupil shall be counted as one-fourth of a day's attendance for each one-fourth of full-time instructional time attended.

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- (ii) If attendance for all pupils in the school is based on half days, the attendance of at least three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day shall be counted as a full day's attendance and attendance at a minimum of one-half but less than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day equals one-half day of attendance.
- (c) For common schools, the attendance of a preschool child with disabilities shall be counted as one-fourth day's attendance for each thirty-six minutes of attendance not including lunch periods and recess periods, except as provided in paragraph 2, subdivision (a), item (i) of this subsection for children with disabilities up to a maximum of three hundred sixty minutes each week.
- (d) For high schools or ungraded schools in which the pupil is at least fourteen years of age by September 1, the attendance of a pupil shall not be counted as a full day unless the pupil is actually and physically in attendance and enrolled in and carrying four subjects, each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty hours a year, or the equivalent, that count toward graduation in a recognized high school except as provided in section 15-797 and subdivision (e) of this paragraph. Attendance of a pupil carrying less than the load prescribed shall be prorated.
- (e) For high schools or ungraded schools in which the pupil is at least fourteen years of age by September 1, the attendance of a pupil may be counted as one-fourth of a day's attendance for each sixty minutes of instructional time in a subject that counts toward graduation, except that attendance for a pupil shall not exceed the pupil's full or fractional membership.
- (f) For homebound or hospitalized, a full day of attendance may be counted for each day during a week in which the student receives at least four hours of instruction.
- (g) For school districts which maintain school for an approved year-round school year operation, attendance shall be based on a computation, as prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction, of the one hundred eighty days' equivalency or two hundred days' equivalency, as applicable, of instructional time as approved by the superintendent of public instruction during which each pupil is enrolled.
 - 7. "Daily route mileage" means the sum of:
- (a) The total number of miles driven daily by all buses of a school district while transporting eligible students from their residence to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance to their residence on scheduled routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- (b) The total number of miles driven daily on routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction for which a private party, a political subdivision or a common or a contract carrier is reimbursed for bringing an eligible student from the place of his residence to a school transportation

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pickup point or to the school of attendance and from the school transportation scheduled return point or from the school of attendance to his residence.

Daily route mileage includes the total number of miles necessary to drive to transport eligible students from and to their residence as provided in this paragraph.

- 8. "District support level" means the base support level plus the transportation support level.
 - 9. "Eligible students" means:
- (a) Students who are transported by or for a school district and who qualify as full-time students or fractional students, except students for whom transportation is paid by another school district or a county school superintendent, and:
- (i) For common school students, whose place of actual residence within the school district is more than one mile from the school facility of attendance or students who are admitted pursuant to section 15-816.01 and who meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for free or reduced price lunches and whose actual place of residence outside the school district boundaries is more than one mile from the school facility of attendance.
- (ii) For high school students, whose place of actual residence within the school district is more than one and one-half miles from the school facility of attendance or students who are admitted pursuant to section 15-816.01 and who meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for free or reduced price lunches and whose actual place of residence outside the school district boundaries is more than one and one-half miles from the school facility of attendance.
- (b) Kindergarten students, for purposes of computing the number of eligible students under subdivision (a), item (i) of this paragraph, shall be counted as full-time students, notwithstanding any other provision of law.
- (c) Children with disabilities, as defined by section 15-761, who are transported by or for the school district or who are admitted pursuant to chapter 8, article 1.1 of this title and who qualify as full-time students or fractional students regardless of location or residence within the school district or children with disabilities whose transportation is required by the pupil's individualized education program.
- (d) Students whose residence is outside the school district and who are transported within the school district on the same basis as students who reside in the school district.
- 10. "Enrolled" or "enrollment" means when a pupil is currently registered in the school district.

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- 11. "GDP price deflator" means the average of the four implicit price deflators for the gross domestic product reported by the United States department of commerce for the four quarters of the calendar year.
- 12. "High school district" means a political subdivision of this state offering instruction to students for grades nine through twelve or that portion of the budget of a common school district which is allocated to teaching high school subjects with permission of the state board of education.
- 13. "Revenue control limit" means the base revenue control limit plus the transportation revenue control limit.
- 14. "Student count" means average daily membership as prescribed in this subsection for the fiscal year prior to the current year, except that for the purpose of budget preparation student count means average daily membership as prescribed in this subsection for the current year.
- 15. "Submit electronically" means submitted in a format and in a manner prescribed by the department of education.
- 16. "Total bus mileage" means the total number of miles driven by all buses of a school district during the school year.
- 17. "Total students transported" means all eligible students transported from their place of residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance or from the school transportation scheduled return point to their place of residence.
- 18. "Unified school district" means a political subdivision of the state offering instruction to students in programs for preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve.
 - B. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Base" means the revenue level per student count specified by the legislature.
 - 2. "Base level" means:
- (a) For fiscal year 1999-2000, two thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars ninety-three cents.
- (b) For fiscal year 2000-2001, two thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars sixty cents.
- (c) For fiscal year 2001-2002, two thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars thirty-two cents.
- (d) For fiscal year 2002-2003, two thousand seven hundred fifty-three dollars ninety cents.
- 3. "Base revenue control limit" means the base revenue control limit computed as provided in section 15-944.
- 4. "Base support level" means the base support level as provided in section 15-943.
- 5. "Certified teacher" means a person who is certified as a teacher pursuant to the rules adopted by the state board of education, who renders direct and personal services to school children in the form of instruction

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related to the school district's educational course of study and who is paid from the maintenance and operation section of the budget.

- 6. "ED, MIMR, SLD, SLI and OHI" means programs for children with emotional disabilities, mild mental retardation, a specific learning disability, a speech/language impairment and other health impairments.
- 7. "ED-P" means programs for children with emotional disabilities who are enrolled in private special education programs as prescribed in section 15-765, subsection D, paragraph 1 or in an intensive school district program as provided in section 15-765, subsection D, paragraph 2.
- 8. "ELL" MEANS ENGLISH LEARNERS WHO DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH OR WHOSE NATIVE LANGUAGE IS NOT ENGLISH, WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY ABLE TO PERFORM ORDINARY CLASSROOM WORK IN ENGLISH AND WHO ARE ENROLLED IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 15-751, 15-752 AND 15-753.
- $8.\,$ 9. "Full-time equivalent certified teacher" or "FTE certified teacher" means for a certified teacher the following:
 - (a) If employed full time as defined in section 15-501, 1.00.
- (b) If employed less than full time, multiply 1.00 by the percentage of a full school day, or its equivalent, or a full class load, or its equivalent, for which the teacher is employed as determined by the governing board.
- 9. 10. "Group A" means educational programs for career exploration, a specific learning disability, an emotional disability, mild mental retardation, remedial education, a speech/language impairment, homebound, bilingual, preschool moderate delay, preschool speech/language delay, other health impairments and gifted pupils.
- 10. 11. "Group B" means educational improvements for pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through three, educational programs for autism, a hearing impairment, moderate mental retardation, multiple disabilities, multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment, orthopedic impairments, preschool severe delay, severe mental retardation and emotional disabilities for school age pupils enrolled in private special education programs or in school district programs for children with severe disabilities or visual impairment and limited English proficient pupils ENGLISH LEARNERS enrolled in a program to promote English language proficiency pursuant to section 15-754 15-752.
 - 11. 12. "HI" means programs for pupils with hearing impairment.
- 12. 13. "Homebound" or "hospitalized" means a pupil who is capable of profiting from academic instruction but is unable to attend school due to illness, disease, accident or other health conditions, who has been examined by a competent medical doctor and who is certified by that doctor as being unable to attend regular classes for a period of not less than three school months or a pupil who is capable of profiting from academic instruction but is unable to attend school regularly due to chronic or acute health problems, who has been examined by a competent medical doctor and who is certified by that doctor as being unable to attend regular classes for intermittent

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 periods of time totaling three school months during a school year. The medical certification shall state the general medical condition, such as illness, disease or chronic health condition, that is the reason that the pupil is unable to attend school. Homebound or hospitalized includes a student who is unable to attend school for a period of less than three months due to a pregnancy if a competent medical doctor, after an examination, certifies that the student is unable to attend regular classes due to risk to the pregnancy or to the student's health.

- 13. 14. "K-3" means kindergarten programs and grades one through three.
- 14. "LEP" means limited English proficient pupils who are enrolled in a program to promote English language proficiency pursuant to section 15-754.
- 15. "MD-R, A-R and SMR-R" means resource programs for pupils with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation.
- 16. "MD-SC, A-SC and SMR-SC" means self-contained programs for pupils with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation.
- 17. "MDSSI" means a program for pupils with multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment.
 - 18. "MOMR" means programs for pupils with moderate mental retardation.
- 19. "OI-R" means a resource program for pupils with orthopedic impairments.
- 20. "OI-SC" means a self-contained program for pupils with orthopedic impairments.
- 21. "PSD" means preschool programs for children with disabilities as provided in section 15-771.
- 22. "P-SD" means programs for children who meet the definition of preschool severe delay as provided in section 15-771.
- 23. "Qualifying tax rate" means the qualifying tax rate specified in section 15-971 applied to the assessed valuation used for primary property taxes.
- 24. "Small isolated school district" means a school district which meets all of the following:
- (a) Has a student count of fewer than six hundred in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight or grades nine through twelve.
- (b) Contains no school which is fewer than thirty miles by the most reasonable route from another school, or, if road conditions and terrain make the driving slow or hazardous, fifteen miles from another school which teaches one or more of the same grades and is operated by another school district in this state.
- (c) Is designated as a small isolated school district by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 42 25. "Small school district" means a school district which meets all of the following:

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- (a) Has a student count of fewer than six hundred in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight or grades nine through twelve.
- (b) Contains at least one school which is fewer than thirty miles by the most reasonable route from another school which teaches one or more of the same grades and is operated by another school district in this state.
- (c) Is designated as a small school district by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 26. "Transportation revenue control limit" means the transportation revenue control limit computed as prescribed in section 15-946.
- 27. "Transportation support level" means the support level for pupil transportation operating expenses as provided in section 15-945.
 - 28. "VI" means programs for pupils with visual impairments.
- 29. "Voc. Ed." means vocational and technological education programs, as defined in section 15-781, except that for the purpose of computing the district support level as provided in this title vocational and technological education programs only include approved vocational and technological programs for students in grades nine through twelve.
 - Sec. 3. Section 15-943, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-943. <u>Base support level</u>

The base support level for each school district shall be computed as follows:

- 1. The following support level weights shall be used in paragraph 2, subdivision (a) for the following school districts:
- (a) For school districts whose student count in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight is classified in column 1 of this subdivision, the support level weight for kindergarten programs and grades one through eight is the corresponding support level weight prescribed in column 2 or 3 of this subdivision, whichever is appropriate:

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30		Support Level Weight	Support Level Weight
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32	<u>Student Count</u>	School Districts	<u>School Districts</u>
33	1-99	1.559	1.399
34	100-499	$1.358 + [0.0005 \times (500)]$	$1.278 + [0.0003 \times (500)]$
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36	500-599	$1.158 + [0.002 \times (600)]$	$1.158 + [0.0012 \times (600)]$
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(b) For school districts whose student count in grades nine through twelve is classified in column 1 of this subdivision, the support level weight for grades nine through twelve is the corresponding support level weight prescribed in column 2 or 3 of this subdivision, whichever is appropriate:

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^{4.} Multiply the teacher experience index of the district or 1.00, whichever is greater, by the product obtained in paragraph 3.

Sec. 4. Title 15, chapter 9, article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended by adding section 15-943.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-943.04. English learner classroom personnel bonus fund: payment of English language classroom personnel bonuses

THE ENGLISH LEARNER CLASSROOM PERSONNEL BONUS FUND IS ESTABLISHED CONSISTING OF MONIES APPROPRIATED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE CONTINUOUSLY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE MONIES IN THE APPROPRIATED. FUND TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EVERY ENGLISH LEARNER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 15-751, WHO WAS INSTRUCTED IN AN ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM IN THE PAST ACADEMIC YEAR, WHO ACHIEVED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND WHO EXITED THE ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAM. SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS SHALL USE THE MONIES DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION TO PAY BONUSES DIRECTLY TO CLASSROOM PERSONNEL, EXCLUDING PRINCIPALS AND ADMINISTRATORS, WHO ARE INVOLVED IN ENGLISH LEARNER PROGRAMS. A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL NOT RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE DISTRIBUTION FROM THE ENGLISH LEARNER CLASSROOM PERSONNEL BONUS FUND FOR THE SAME PUPIL.

- Sec. 5. Section 15-1626, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-1626. General administrative powers of board
- A. The board shall:
- 1. Have and exercise the powers necessary for the effective governance and administration of the institutions under its control. To that end, the board may adopt, and authorize each university to adopt, such regulations, policies, rules or measures as are deemed necessary and may delegate in writing to its committees, to its university presidents, or their designees, or to other entities under its control, any part of its authority for the administration and governance of such institutions, including those powers enumerated in section 15-1625, subsection B, paragraphs 2 and 4, paragraphs 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11 of this subsection, and subsection B of this section. Any delegation of authority may be rescinded by the board at any time in whole or in part.
- 2. Appoint and employ and determine the compensation of presidents with such power and authority and for such purposes in connection with the operation of the institutions as the board deems necessary.
- 3. Appoint and employ and determine the compensation of vice-presidents, deans, professors, instructors, lecturers, fellows and such other officers and employees with such power and authority and for such purposes in connection with the operation of the institutions as the board deems necessary, or delegate its authority pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection.

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- 4. Remove any officer or employee when the interests of education in this state so require in accordance with its personnel rules and policies.
- 5. Fix tuitions and fees to be charged and graduate the tuitions and fees between institutions and between residents, nonresidents and students from foreign countries. The amount of tuition, registration fees and other revenues included in the operating budget for the university adopted by the board as prescribed in paragraph 12 of this subsection shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147. All other tuition and fee revenue shall be retained by each university for expenditure as approved by the board. Except as provided in subsection H OF THIS SECTION, the Arizona board of regents shall adopt rules to govern its tuition and fee setting process which shall provide for the following:
- (a) At least one public hearing at each university as an opportunity for students and members of the public to comment upon any proposed increase in tuition or fees.
- (b) Publication of the NOTICE OF public hearing at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in Maricopa county, Coconino county and Pima county. The notice shall include the date, time and location of the public hearing.
- (c) Public disclosure by each university of any recommended PROPOSED increases in tuition or fees at least ten days prior to the public hearing.
- (d) Final board action on changes in tuition or fees shall be taken by roll call vote. The procedural requirements of subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (d) apply only to those changes in tuition or fees that require board approval.
- 6. Pursuant to section 35-115, submit a budget request for each institution under its jurisdiction that includes the estimated tuition and fee revenue available to support the programs of the institution as described in the budget request. The estimated available tuition and fee revenue shall be based on the tuition and registration fee rates in effect at the time the budget request is submitted with adjustments for projected changes in enrollment as provided by the board.
- 7. Establish curriculums and designate courses at the several institutions which in its judgment will best serve the interests of this state.
- 8. Award such degrees and diplomas upon the completion of such courses and curriculum requirements as it deems appropriate.
- 9. Prescribe qualifications for admission of all students to the universities. For the purpose of determining the qualifications of honorably discharged veterans, veterans are those who served in the armed forces for a minimum of two years and who were previously enrolled at a university or community college in this state. No prior failing grades received by the veteran at the university or community college in this state may be considered.

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- 10. Adopt any energy conservation standards promulgated by the department of administration for the construction of new buildings.
- 11. Employ for such time and purposes as the board requires attorneys whose compensation shall be fixed and paid by the board. Litigation to which the board is a party and for which self-insurance is not provided may be compromised or settled at the direction of the board.
- 12. Adopt annually an operating budget for each university equal to the sum of appropriated general fund monies and the amount of tuition, registration fees and other revenues approved by the board and allocated to each university operating budget.
- 13. In consultation with the state board of education and other education groups, develop and implement a program to award honors endorsements to be affixed to the high school diplomas of qualifying high school pupils and to be included in the transcripts of pupils who are awarded endorsements. The board shall develop application procedures and testing criteria and adopt testing instruments and procedures to administer the program. In order to receive an honors endorsement, a pupil must demonstrate an extraordinary level of knowledge, skill and competency as measured by the testing instruments adopted by the board in mathematics, English, science and social studies. Additional subjects may be added at the determination of the board. The program is voluntary for pupils.
- 14. Require the publisher of each literary and nonliterary textbook used in the universities of this state to furnish computer software in a standardized format when software becomes available for nonliterary textbooks, to the Arizona board of regents from which braille versions of the textbooks may be produced.
- 15. REQUIRE UNIVERSITIES THAT PROVIDE A DEGREE IN EDUCATION TO REQUIRE COURSES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A PROVISIONAL STRUCTURED ENGLISH IMMERSION ENDORSEMENT AS PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.
- B. The board shall adopt personnel rules. All nonacademic employees of the universities are subject to these rules except for university presidents, university vice-presidents, university deans, legal counsel and administrative officers. The personnel rules shall be similar to the personnel rules under section 41-783. The rules shall include provisions for listing available positions with the department of economic security, competitive employment processes for applicants, probationary status for new nonacademic employees, nonprobationary status on successful completion of probation and due process protections of nonprobationary employees after discharge. The board shall provide notice of proposed rule adoption and an opportunity for public comment on all personnel rules proposed for adoption.
- C. The Arizona board of regents may employ legal assistance in procuring loans for the institutions from the United States government. Fees or compensation paid for such legal assistance shall not be a claim upon the general fund of this state but shall be paid from funds of the institutions.

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- D. The board shall approve or disapprove any contract or agreement entered into by the university of Arizona hospital with the Arizona health facilities authority.
- E. The board may adopt policies which authorize the institutions under its jurisdiction to enter into employment contracts with nontenured employees for periods of more than one year but not more than five years. The policies shall prescribe limitations on the authority of the institutions to enter into employment contracts for periods of more than one year but not more than five years, including the requirement that the board approve the contracts.
- F. The board may adopt a plan or plans for employee benefits which allow for participation in a cafeteria plan that meets the requirements of the United States internal revenue code of 1986.
- G. The board may establish a program for the exchange of students between the universities under the jurisdiction of the board and colleges and universities located in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Notwithstanding subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section, the program may provide for in-state tuition at the universities under the jurisdiction of the board for fifty Sonoran students in exchange for similar tuition provisions for up to fifty Arizona students enrolled or seeking enrollment in Sonoran colleges or universities. The board may direct the universities to work in conjunction with the Arizona-Mexico commission to coordinate recruitment and admissions activities.
- H. Subsection A, paragraph 5, subdivision (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this section do not apply to fee increases that are set by individual universities and that do not require approval by the Arizona board of regents before the fee increase becomes effective.

Sec. 6. <u>Joint legislative committee on school maintenance and operations funding</u>

- A. A joint legislative committee on school maintenance and operations funding is established consisting of:
- 1. Four members of the house of representatives, no more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. The leader of each of the two major parties of the house of representatives shall appoint two members to serve on the joint legislative committee. Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall be selected within thirty days of the effective date of this act. The speaker of the house of representatives shall select one of the members appointed pursuant to this paragraph to co-chair the joint legislative committee.
- 2. Four members of the senate, no more than two of whom shall be members of the same political party. The leader of each of the two major parties of the senate shall appoint two members to serve on the joint legislative committee. Members appointed pursuant to this paragraph shall be selected within thirty days of the effective date of this act. The president of the senate shall select one of the members appointed pursuant to this paragraph to co-chair the joint legislative committee.

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- B. The committee shall:
- 1. Evaluate and make specific recommendations on school district and charter school maintenance and operations funding, including specific recommendations concerning group A and group B weights, with emphasis on the group B weight for English learners and the funding formula for rural and small schools.
- 2. Evaluate and make specific recommendations on English learner programs, including, but not limited to the following:
- (a) The manner in which structured English immersion programs and bilingual education programs are implemented in this state.
- (b) The additional requirements for school districts and charter schools necessitated by the ballot initiative that enacted the provisions of title 15, chapter 7, article 3.1 and the consent order dated June 30, 2000 in the Flores v. Arizona litigation.
- (c) The identification of which school districts and charter schools have significantly high reclassification rates and test scores for English learners.
- (d) The incremental amount per student that school districts and charter schools spend on each English learner from any and all funding sources.
- (e) Whether additional compensatory instruction monies that are made available should be distributed to parents of English learners or the school district or charter school.
- (f) The current use of federal monies for English learner programs and the future appropriate use of federal monies for English learner programs.
- (g) The extent to which school districts and charter schools are in compliance with state and federal laws relating to English learner programs, including the consent order dated June 30, 2000 in the Flores v. Arizona litigation.
- 3. Review a form developed by the state board of education to be used by all school districts and charter schools for use at the beginning of the 2003-2004 school year for parental waivers pursuant to section 15-753, Arizona Revised Statutes.
- 4. Review a parent or legal guardian English learner notification and consent form developed by the state board of education to be used by all school districts and charter schools for use at the beginning of the 2002-2003 school year. The form shall be completed annually by either school district or charter school personnel and the classroom teacher within thirty days of the receipt of the language proficiency test results. The form shall be signed and dated by both the primary classroom teacher and the student's parents or legal guardian. The signed and completed form shall be kept on file by the school district or charter school. The form shall not exceed one page in length and shall contain the following information:

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- (a) The pupil's name.
- (b) The reasons that the pupil has been placed in a language acquisition program.
- (c) A check box that indicates whether the pupil has been placed in a structured English immersion program or a bilingual education program.
- (d) A list of the criteria that will be used to determine if the pupil has achieved English proficiency.
 - 5. Recommend to the state board of education:
- (a) Structured English immersion guidelines and methodologies to be used by school districts and charter schools.
- (b) Guidelines for the courses required pursuant to section 15-1626, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, pertaining to provisional structured English immersion endorsements.
- (c) Guidelines and requirements for structured English immersion certification of teachers.
 - (d) Other sources of in-service teacher training.
- 6. Submit a report of its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and the governor on or before December 1, 2004. The committee shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.
- C. The committee may instruct the auditor general to conduct and complete any and all audits that the committee deems necessary. The auditor general shall report to the committee the results of any audits conducted pursuant to this subsection.
- D. The committee may utilize the services and staff of the department of education, the auditor general, legislative council and the legislature.

Sec. 7. <u>Delayed repeal</u>

Section 6 of this act, relating to the joint legislative committee on school maintenance and operations funding, is repealed from and after December 31, 2004.

Sec. 8. Cost study of ELL group B weight; report

- A. The legislative council shall select and contract with a private entity to conduct a cost study of the group B weight for English learners. The cost study shall determine the actual cost of complying with all state and federal laws relating to language acquisition programs and the current use of federal monies for English learner programs and the future appropriate use of federal monies for English learner programs. The cost study shall reflect the requirements listed in the consent order dated June 30, 2000 in the Flores v. Arizona litigation.
- B. The joint legislative committee on school maintenance and operations funding shall determine the scope and content of the cost study and the school districts and charter schools that will be selected to participate in the cost study. No fewer than fifty per cent of the school districts and charter schools that are selected to participate in the cost

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study shall be from school districts and charter schools with the highest number of pupils who are classified as English learners.

C. Legislative council shall award the contract to conduct the cost study to the selected private entity by August 1, 2002. The private entity shall complete the cost study and submit its final report to the joint legislative committee, the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives on or before August 1, 2004 and shall provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

Sec. 9. Effective date

Section 15-943, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, is effective from and after June 30, 2002.

Sec. 10. Appropriation: purpose; exemption

- A. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2002-2003 to legislative council in order to carry out the purposes of section 6 of this act, relating to the joint legislative committee on school maintenance and operations funding and section 8 of this act, relating to the cost study of ELL group B weight.
- B. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations, except that all monies remaining unexpended and unencumbered on December 2, 2004 revert to the state general fund.

Sec. 11. Appropriations; purpose; exemption

- A. The sum of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2002-2003 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools to pay teachers for reimbursement for the successful completion of courses or other training prescribed in section 15-756, subsection A, paragraph 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, that are required to acquire a structured English immersion endorsement or a bilingual education endorsement as prescribed by rules adopted by the state board of education.
- B. The sum of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2003-2004 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools to pay teachers for reimbursement for the successful completion of courses or other training prescribed in section 15-756, subsection A, paragraph 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, that are required to acquire a structured English immersion endorsement or a bilingual education endorsement as prescribed by rules adopted by the state board of education.
- C. The sum of \$4,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools to pay teachers for reimbursement for the successful completion of courses or other training prescribed in section 15-756, subsection A, paragraph 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, that are required to acquire a structured English immersion endorsement

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- D. If federal monies are received by the department of education for the specific purposes for which monies are appropriated pursuant to this section, the department of education shall revert the portion of the state general fund appropriation received equal to the federal dollars received for this purpose in the year that federal monies are received, if the reversion is consistent with federal law.
- E. The appropriations made in this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 12. Appropriations; purpose; exemption

- A. The sum of \$3,080,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2001-2002 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools for compensatory instruction for English Eligible school districts and charter schools shall receive an amount for every English learner who is not making adequate academic progress as prescribed by rules adopted by the state board of education. The per pupil amount shall be determined by dividing the appropriation by the number of English learners in this state who are not making adequate academic progress. In order to be eligible for monies appropriated pursuant to this section, a school district or charter school must demonstrate to the department of education that it has established a satisfactory compensatory School districts and charter schools that receive instruction program. monies pursuant to this section shall only spend these monies on compensatory instruction. A school district or charter school shall not receive more than one hundred dollars per English learner from monies distributed pursuant to this section.
- B. The sum of \$5,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2002-2003 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools for compensatory instruction for English learners. Eligible school districts and charter schools shall receive an amount for every English learner who is not making adequate academic progress as prescribed by rules adopted by the state board of education. pupil amount shall be determined by dividing the appropriation and any monies unexpended in the previous year by the number of English learners in this state who are not making adequate academic progress. In order to be eligible for monies appropriated pursuant to this section, a school district or charter school must demonstrate to the department of education that it has established a satisfactory compensatory instruction program. districts and charter schools that receive monies pursuant to this section shall only spend these monies on compensatory instruction. A school district or charter school shall not receive more than one hundred dollars per English learner from monies distributed pursuant to this section.

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- D. The sum of \$5,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools for compensatory instruction for English learners. Eligible school districts and charter schools shall receive an amount for every English learner who is not making adequate academic progress as prescribed by rules adopted by the state board of education. pupil amount shall be determined by dividing the appropriation and any monies unexpended in the previous year by the number of English learners in this state who are not making adequate academic progress. In order to be eligible for monies appropriated pursuant to this section, a school district or charter school must demonstrate to the department of education that it has established a satisfactory compensatory instruction program. districts and charter schools that receive monies pursuant to this section shall only spend these monies on compensatory instruction. A school district or charter school shall not receive more than one hundred dollars per English learner from monies distributed pursuant to this section.
- E. If federal monies are received by the department of education for the specific purposes for which monies are appropriated pursuant to this section, the department of education shall revert the portion of the state general fund appropriation received equal to the federal dollars received for this purpose in the year that federal monies are received, if the reversion is consistent with federal law.
- F. The appropriations made in this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 13. Appropriations; purpose; exemption

A. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2002-2003 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools to pay for instructional materials and

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supplies for language acquisition programs. A school district or charter school shall not receive more than ten dollars per English learner from monies appropriated pursuant to this section.

- B. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2003-2004 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools to pay for instructional materials and supplies for language acquisition programs. A school district or charter school shall not receive more than ten dollars per English learner from monies appropriated pursuant to this section.
- C. The sum of \$1,500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education for distribution to school districts and charter schools to pay for instructional materials and supplies for language acquisition programs. A school district or charter school shall not receive more than ten dollars per English learner from monies appropriated pursuant to this section.
- D. If federal monies are received by the department of education for the specific purposes for which monies are appropriated pursuant to this section, the department of education shall revert the portion of the state general fund appropriation received equal to the federal dollars received for this purpose in the year that federal monies are received, if the reversion is consistent with federal law.
- E. The appropriations made in this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 14. Appropriations; purpose; exemption

- A. The sum of \$158,050 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2001-2002 to the department of education to pay for 4.5 FTE positions in order to monitor language acquisition programs as prescribed in section 15-756, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, and as prescribed in the consent order dated June 30, 2000 in the $\underline{\text{Flores v. Arizona}}$ litigation.
- B. The sum of \$316,095 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2002-2003 to the department of education to pay for 4.5 FTE positions in order to monitor language acquisition programs as prescribed in section 15-756, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, and as prescribed in the consent order dated June 30, 2000 in the $\underline{\text{Flores v. Arizona}}$ litigation.
- C. The sum of \$316,095 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2003-2004 to the department of education to pay for 4.5 FTE positions in order to monitor language acquisition programs as prescribed in section 15-756, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, and as prescribed in the consent order dated June 30, 2000 in the $\underline{\text{Flores v. Arizona}}$ litigation.
- D. The sum of \$316,095 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education to pay for 4.5 FTE

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positions in order to monitor language acquisition programs as prescribed in section 15-756, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act, and as prescribed in the consent order dated June 30, 2000 in the <u>Flores v. Arizona litigation</u>.

- E. If federal monies are received by the department of education for the specific purposes for which monies are appropriated pursuant to this section, the department of education shall revert the portion of the state general fund appropriation received equal to the federal dollars received for this purpose in the year that federal monies are received, if the reversion is consistent with federal law.
- F. The appropriations made in this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190. Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 15. Appropriations; purpose; exemption

- A. The sum of \$3,060,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2002-2003 to the department of education for deposit in the English learner classroom personnel bonus fund established by section 15-943.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.
- B. The sum of \$3,060,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2003-2004 to the department of education for deposit in the English learner classroom personnel bonus fund established by section 15-943.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.
- C. The sum of \$3,060,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education for deposit in the English learner classroom personnel bonus fund established by section 15-943.04, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.
- D. If federal monies are received by the department of education for the specific purposes for which monies are appropriated pursuant to this section, the department of education shall revert the portion of the state general fund appropriation received equal to the federal dollars received for this purpose in the year that federal monies are received, if the reversion is consistent with federal law.
- E. The appropriations made in this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 16. Appropriations; purpose; exemption

A. The sum of \$750,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2002-2003 to the department of education to assist school districts and charter schools in the implementation of a four year comprehensive accountable literacy pilot program that guarantees all children entering the system in kindergarten will be successful at reading, writing and speaking English at grade level by the end of the third grade. The pilot program shall include a reading certification for teachers, a comprehensive in-school curriculum, an ongoing process for monitoring and supporting

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teachers, an ongoing process for monitoring pupils, an extended day and an extended year intervention component linked to the in-school curriculum.

- B. The sum of \$750,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2003-2004 to the department of education to assist school districts and charter schools in the implementation of a four year comprehensive accountable literacy pilot program that guarantees all children entering the system in kindergarten will be successful at reading, writing and speaking English at grade level by the end of the third grade. The pilot program shall include a reading certification for teachers, a comprehensive in-school curriculum, an ongoing process for monitoring and supporting teachers, an ongoing process for monitoring pupils, an extended day and an extended year intervention component linked to the in-school curriculum.
- C. The sum of \$750,000 is appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2004-2005 to the department of education to assist school districts and charter schools in the implementation of a four year comprehensive accountable literacy pilot program that guarantees all children entering the system in kindergarten will be successful at reading, writing and speaking English at grade level by the end of the third grade. The pilot program shall include a reading certification for teachers, a comprehensive in-school curriculum, an ongoing process for monitoring and supporting teachers, an ongoing process for monitoring pupils, an extended day and an extended year intervention component linked to the in-school curriculum.
- D. If federal monies are received by the department of education for the specific purposes for which monies are appropriated pursuant to this section, the department of education shall revert the portion of the state general fund appropriation received equal to the federal dollars received for this purpose in the year that federal monies are received, if the reversion is consistent with federal law.
- E. The appropriations made in this section are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.

Sec. 17. Intent

- A. It is the intent of the legislature to identify and fund the most effective and cost efficient English language acquisition programs for our public education institutions. The legislature has held extensive hearings and taken hours of testimony on this issue. Those hearings show that there is a significant array of teaching programs and instructional models currently in place for teaching non-English speaking students. Additionally, there is limited data and few reports of results to help identify a menu of teaching programs that would allow those students to master the standard academic curriculum. It is also apparent that one teaching model will not effectively and efficiently satisfy the needs of all educational institutions.
- B. With the information currently available, the legislature finds the level of funding in this legislation to be reasonable. The legislature

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recognizes that further study and evaluation are necessary to determine whether the funding for this program should be adjusted. Therefore, the legislature is establishing a joint legislative committee and providing the necessary funds to evaluate the various teaching programs in place or available, recommend programs for successful English language acquisition programs of non-English speaking students in Arizona schools and determine whether the level of funding associated with such programs should be adjusted. The legislature is requiring the study to be concluded within a strict, yet realistic timeline of two years and the legislature expects legislative review during the third year. During the study interim the legislature has chosen the Nogales unified school district cost study prepared by the Arizona department of education as the basis for the English learner (ELL) group B weight selected. The legislature evaluated several areas of the cost study that indicated the Nogales number might not be representative of average costs across the state. In those areas the legislature added supplemental funding in an effort to better balance the ELL group B weight.

C. It remains the intent of the legislature to identify and fund effective and cost efficient English language acquisition programs for schools in Arizona. It is important to remember that parents of English learners want their children to be proficient in English. The legislature is trying to find the best way to honor that desire.

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